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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP TO AFRICA

THERE FOLLOWS STATEMENT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT PRESS
SPOKESMAN MAY 9 ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP:

BEGIN TEXT

MR. BROWN: ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP TO AFRICA, I WILL
FILL YOU IN ON SOME OF THE DETAILS. I THINK MOST OF
YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG,
ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS C. WILLIAM MAYNES, OTHER STATE
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, AND A DELEGATION FROM THE US PRESS,
WILL VISIT SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND PORTUGAL.
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THE GROUP WILL LEAVE TODAY BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND WILL
FLY TO ABIDJAN, THE IVORY COAST, FOR THE CHIEFS OF
MISSION CONFERENCE -- AMERICAN AMBASSADORS -- IN AFRICA
ON MAY 10 TO 12.

THEN ON MAY 13TH AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL BE VISITING

ACCRA, GHANA.

Q. STILL WITH MR. MAYNES?

A. YES, I BELIEVE MR. MAYNES WILL CONTINUE WITH HIM. ACCRA, GHANA, AND LAGOS, NIGERIA, WHERE AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL CONFER WITH NATIONAL LEADERS ON AFRICAN AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THEN, ON MAY 14TH HE WILL FLY TO LISBON TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.

NOW, ONE SMALL PIECE ON BACKGROUND, IF I MAY, AT THAT POINT. THERE MAY BE OTHER AFRICAN STOPS. END BACKGROUND.

NOW, ON MAY 16TH, THE PARTY WILL PROCEED TO MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE, TO ATTEND THE UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. THAT MEETING, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, GOES TO MAY 21ST.

NOW, THE OBVIOUS QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THAT -- THE PROCESS OF MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA. WE HAVE REQUESTED SOUTH AFRICAN PERMISSION FOR THE VISIT, AND WE ARE AWAITING THEIR REPLY.

THAT IS ABOUT WHERE THE MATTER STANDS. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER INFORMATION TO GIVE YOU ON THE STATUS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH AFRICAN VISIT.

Q. FRED, RIGHT THERE, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME. IS IT STILL UNCERTAIN THAT HE WILL GO TO SOUTH AFRICA, OR IS THE UNCERTAINTY WHAT HE WILL DO IN SOUTH AFRICA? IN OTHER WORDS, A STOP IN SOUTH AFRICA IS STILL NOT UNCERTAIN. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

A. WE HAVE REQUESTED THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT, AND WE ARE AWAITING THEIR REPLY.

Q. ALL RIGHT. COULD I ASK ONE OTHER QUESTION, PLEASE? ON NIGERIA, DID YOU MEAN LEADERS FROM OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES WILL ASSEMBLY IN NIGERIA?

A. NO, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT SHOULD BE READ INTO IT.

Q. YOU SAID "NATIONAL LEADERS". YOU MEANT NIGERIAN

LEADERS, DIDN'T YOU?

A. YES.

Q. NIGERIAN AND GHANAIAAN, BOTH?

A. WELL, I HAD TWO STOPS THERE, ACCRA AND LAGOS,
WHERE HE WILL CONFER WITH NATIONAL LEADERS -- LEADERS
OF THOSE COUNTRIES. NOT TO READ IN "NATIONALIST",
PLEASE.

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